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- 1. THE COMMUNIST TRADE UNION CGTP HAS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING GOP ECONOMIC MEASURES AND EXHORTING WORKING CLASS TO DO SAME. CGTP WARNS THAT APRA AND OTHER COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS MAY ATTEMPT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. DRASTIC ECONOMIC MEASURES ARE NECESSARY, ACCORDING TO CGTP COMMUNIQUE BECAUSE PERU IS STILL A PRISONER OF CAPITALIST ECONOMIC SYSTEM. "THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES DO NOT EXPERIENCE THESE CRISES AND WORKERS ARE FAR MORE ABLE TO HANDLE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES..."
- 2. CGTP SUPPORT MAY BE LESS THAN IT SEEMS FOR ITS COMMUNIQUE TERMS THE 1600 SOLES PER MONTH INCREASE FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS INADEQUATE. COMMUNIQUE ALSO CLAIMS THAT IN PRIVATE SECTOR GOVERNMENT WISELY IMPOSED NO LIMIT BUT ALLOWED FOR A 400 SOLES PER MONTH INCREASE PLUS "WHAT THEY (WORKERS) CAN GET IN LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE FOR TIEIR DEMANDS". IN FACT, REGULATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPOSE A CEILING ON WAGE INCREASES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR OF 70

SOLES/DAY OR 2020 SOLES PER MONTH (SEE REFTEL B). THE COMMUNIST TRADE UNION APPARENTLY PLANS TO SUPPORT GOP ECONOMIC POLICY IN PRINCIPLE BUT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DEPART FROM IT IN SPECIFIC CASES ACCORDING TO PRESSURES FROM INDIVIDUAL UNUINS.

- 3. MEANWHILE, NEITHER THE APRA NOR THE CTP TRADE UNION HAS YET OFFICIALLY REACTED TO ECONOMIC MRESURES. THE CTP IS "STUDYING" THE SITUATION BEFORE VENTURING A RESPONSE.
- 4. SOME ISOLATED LOOTING CONSIDERED RELATED TO ECONOMIC MEASURES OCCURRED FOR THE SECOND DAY IN CALLAO MARKET AREA. BANDS OF TOUGHS LOOTED SEVERAL ESTABLISHMENTS UTILIZING HIT AND RUN TACTICS. WHILE THESE INCIDENTS MAY BE POLITICALLY INSPIRED, EMBASSY HAS NO DIRECT EVIDENCE OF THIS. DEAN

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